

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-13, 15-17, 35-39, 43-46, 48-50, 53, 54, 57-60, 62-65 and 68-73 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 2, 3, 64 and 68-73 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 1, 7-13, 15-17, 36-39, 44-50, 54, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, and 65 are allowed and claims 36-39, 44-46 and 48-50 are directed to allowable subject matter. Applicant has elected not to rewrite dependent claims 36-39, 44-46 and 48-50 into independent form at this time, as Applicant believes that independent claim 35, from which they depend, is now in condition for allowance.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner did not accept the Terminal Disclaimer submitted on June 14, 2006 as it was not signed by an attorney or agent of record authorized to sign a Terminal Disclaimer as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a). The Examiner rejected claims 35 and 43 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 and 6 of U.S. Pat. No. 7,004,855. Applicant submits herewith a properly signed Terminal Disclaimer for U.S. Pat. No. 7,004,855. The rejection of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting is now moot. Claims 35 and 43 should now be in condition for allowance. As such, claims 36-39, 44-46 and 48-50 should now also be in condition for allowance as discussed above.


Conclusion

Based on the remarks set forth above, Applicant believes that all of the rejections have been overcome and the claims of the subject application are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any further concerns or believe that a discussion with the Applicant's attorney would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the attorney at the number below.

A fee of \$130 is believed to be due for the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer. A separate fee sheet is enclosed. Please charge any other required fees to Acushnet Company Deposit Account No. 502309.

Respectfully submitted,

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